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New Literature

OLD TESTAMENT

BOOKS

PRICE, I. M. *The Ancestry of Our English Bible: An Account of the Bible Versions, Texts and Manuscripts.* Philadelphia: Sunday School Times Co., 1907. Pp. xxiv+330. \$1.50.

A carefully prepared handbook on the origin and history of the English Bible. The narrative traces the various editions of the biblical texts from their original Hebrew or Greek forms down to their latest appearance. The numerous splendid illustrations, forty-five in number, greatly aid in the understanding of the narrative.

EWING, W. *Arab and Druze at Home: A Record of Travel and Intercourse with the Peoples East of the Jordan.* London: Jack, 1907. Pp. xii+180. \$1.

The author writes on the basis of five years of residence in Palestine, and thus furnishes a narrative of observations and experiences which is both interesting and reliable. The book is profusely illustrated.

GUTHE, H. *Jesaia. [Religionsgeschichte. Volksbücher, II. Reihe, 10. Heft.]* Tübingen: Mohr, 1907. Pp. 70. M. 0.50.

A sketch of the activity and message of the great prophet Isaiah from the historico-critical point of view, and presented with reference to the needs of the intelligent layman.

CLAY, A. T. *Light on the Old Testament from Babel.* Philadelphia: Sunday School Times Co., 1907. Pp. xvi+437. \$2.

A résumé of the material in the Assyro-Babylonian inscriptions which bears upon the interpretation and understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures. There is much material included on Babylonian life and civilization not to be found in other works of this kind. This is a valuable addition from a conservative standpoint to the abundant literature on this subject.

ARTICLES

GORDON, A. R. *Job. Expositor*, February, 1907, pp. 185-92.

An introductory study on the Book of Job, setting forth clearly and strongly some of the reasons for supposing the prologue and epilogue to have constituted the original Book of Job.

WALLIS, LOUIS. Sociological Significance of the Bible. *American Journal of Sociology*, January, 1907, pp. 532-52.

An interesting presentation of the fact that the Bible was not "imposed upon the social process according to the old theology," but was "a part of that process." The author's contention is essentially right, but his position is weakened by his overemphasis upon the significance of the struggle between the urban and rural communities.

ST. CLAIR, G. *Israel in Camp: A Study. Journal of Theological Studies*, January, 1907, pp. 185-217.

An ingenious attempt to demonstrate that the patriarchs of Israel were not real characters, but only personifications of the signs of the Zodiac; and that the whole story of their lives is but a symbolic representation of the history of changes in the ancient calendar of the seasons.

BÖNHOF, DR. *Die Wanderung Israels in der Wüste mit besonderer Berücksichtigung der Frage, "Wo lag der Sinai?" Theologische Studien und Kritiken*, January, 1907, pp. 159-217.

A detailed discussion of the site of Sinai, resulting in the conclusion that it was "southeast of the Hieropolitan Gulf, southwest of Qadesh, northwest of the wilderness of Paran, and west of Seir."

SCHÄFERS, J. *I Sam. 1-15 literarkritisch untersucht. Biblische Zeitschrift*, January, 1907, pp. 1-21.

The first instalment of an article on the composition of the first fifteen chapters of First Samuel. Chaps. 1-7 are treated here. The spirit and method of the writer are scientific, and his analysis of the narrative merits careful consideration.

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CONYBEARE, F. C. The Armenian Version of Revelation, and Cyril of Alexandria's Scholia on the Incarnation and Epistle on Easter. London: Text and Translation Society (Williams & Norgate), 1907. Pp. 221+189. 21 s. net.

Conybeare publishes the Armenian text of the Apocalypse, from a Bodleian manuscript, and adds the readings of other codices. There is also an English translation together with extended notes. While some of Conybeare's manuscripts exhibit the recension of Nerses, 1179 A. D., others reveal a variety of more ancient texts in which the Apocalypse was known to the Armenians from the fourth century down to the twelfth, when it finally found a place in the Armenian canon of Scripture.

HARNACK, ADOLF. Sprüche und Reden Jesu: Die zweite Quelle des Matthäus und Lukas. [Beiträge zur Einleitung in das Neue Testament, II.] Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1907. Pp. iv+220. M. 5.

An attempt to reconstruct, from common material in Matthew and Luke not derived from Mark, the second main source used in conjunction with Mark by Luke and Matthew. This must be reckoned an important contribution to the literature of the synoptic problem, although it perhaps too easily assumes the substantial correctness of the current two-document hypothesis.

LEIPOLDT, JOHANNES. Geschichte des neutestamentlichen Kanons. Erster Teil, Die Entstehung. Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1907. Pp. viii+288. M. 4. 50.

A valuable discussion of the chief materials and problems relating to the origin of the New Testament canon. Students of the New Testament canon will welcome this systematic treatment, the more especially as recent investigations have antiquated the older treatises on the subject.

NIEBERGALL, FRIEDRICH. Praktische Auslegung des Neuen Testaments. Fünfter Band, I. Allgemeine Einleitung. II. An die Römer. [Lietzmann's Handbuch zum Neuen Testament.] Tübingen: Mohr, 1906. Pp. 48+48. Paper, M. 1. 80.

The general introduction to the new German practical commentary exhibits the thoroughly modern and critical position of its editors upon the matters of authority and Scripture, and their conviction that the new positions may be made more useful to practical religion than has been supposed. The brief commentary on Romans is entirely controlled by the practical motive, the constant effort being to show how the religious value of the epistle may be utilized in preaching and teaching. This phase of the new enterprise seems to promise great usefulness.

STRONG, S., BARTON, W. E., and SOARES, T. G. His Great Apostle: The Life and Letters of Paul. Chicago: Hope Publishing Co., 1906. Pp. 212. Paper, \$0.15, cloth, \$0.25. His Friends: The Story of the Immediate Disciples of Jesus after His Ascension, and Their Letters to the Early Christians. *Ibid.*, 1907. Pp. 144. Paper, \$0.15; cloth, \$0.25.

The editors of *His Life* have extended their convenient and helpful little edition to the whole New Testament. The material is arranged in historical order, the letters fitting into the framework of the narrative of Acts.

SWEET, LOUIS M. The Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ. With an introduction by J. S. Riggs, D.D. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1906. Pp. xiii+365.

A keen and spirited defense of the infancy narratives, unfortunately controlled by a strong dogmatic motive.

RELATED SUBJECTS

BOOKS

CHARLES, R. H. The Ethiopic Version of the Book of Enoch Edited from Twenty-three MSS, together with the Fragmentary Greek and Latin Versions. [*Anecdota Oxoniensia*, Semitic Series, Part XI.] Oxford: Clarendon

Press, 1906. Pp. xxxiii+238. 17 s. 6d.

Professor Charles's long-expected critical text of Enoch constitutes a marked advance upon previous editions of that important work. He holds that parts of the book were originally composed in Hebrew, parts in Aramaic, and that some at least of the original was in poetic form. The text is clearly printed and there is an ample apparatus of variant readings.